

# Partnership Meeting Between EPA Chesapeake Bay Program and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

May 17, 2016; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Conference Room 11-A (11<sup>th</sup> floor)

Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection Headquarters  
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## AGENDA

**9:00 am**      **Welcome and Introductions**

**9:10 am**      **Effective and Proactive Participation in the CBP Partnership**

- ❖ How can the Chesapeake Bay Program Office—both managers and staff—better serve and assist you to ensure PA has representation on the Partnership's workgroups, Goal Implementation Teams and expert panels?
- ❖ How can PA utilize and build on data (scenarios, etc) generated by CBP after last year's discussions
- ❖ Looking ahead to 2018 and beyond in terms of programmatic and funding capacity to sustain on-the-ground implementation -- where, how, and when PA could use help from other partners
- ❖ Targeting and focusing in: prioritization of competing Bay Program initiatives, given limited resources and funding
- ❖ Increasing PA involvement and participation with STAC and with expert panels
- ❖ Effective meeting agenda planning
- ❖ Merging science with policy for real-world results

**9:45 am**      **Phase III WIPs: Local Engagement, Local Area Targets, and Development of the Phase III WIPs Expectations Document**

- Discussion of EPA's expectations to redistribute urban loads to other sectors in the Phase III WIPs
- Discussion of financing and programmatic capacity
- Review of status on local area targets and development of Phase III WIP expectations (overview of preliminary expectations document/outline)
- Discussion of projecting growth and development out through 2025, and using 2025 forecasted conditions in the Phase III WIPs
- ❖ What specific elements would you like to see captured in the Phase III WIP expectations?
- ❖ What are your preliminary thoughts on how to you plan to engage your local partners in the development and implementation of the Phase III WIPs?
- ❖ What specific technical assistance and/or capacity support do you need in order to effectively engage your local partners in the midpoint assessment and in the development of the Phase III WIPs?
- ❖ What were some of your concerns with developing local area targets in the Phase II WIP process, and to what extent has the Midpoint Assessment addressed those concerns?

- ❖ What concerns are you likely to hear from your local partners on the development of local area targets?
- ❖ What are your thoughts on how local area targets could best be expressed in your local jurisdictions?

**10:30 am**

### **PA Agriculture Discussion**

- Ag voluntary survey
  - Ag inspections
  - Section 1619 discussions and updates
  - Remote sensing
  - PracticeKeeper for all Districts
  - EPA long-term funding support letter status
- ❖ Assuring efforts are counted in model
  - ❖ Timelines on both sides

**11:30 am**

### **Factoring in monitoring trend explanations and implications**

- Discussion of early findings of explaining the trends observed at Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Monitoring Network stations
  - Discussion of how Pennsylvania agencies and local partners can work with USGS in refining and improving the forthcoming explanation of trends observed at Pennsylvania's stations
  - Discussion of progress towards making a better direct comparison of monitoring data with Bay TMDL allocations
- ❖ What more can we do to factor in analysis of monitoring data in both evaluation of progress as well as evaluation of the effectiveness of management actions and whether we need to change the course of existing management programs based on observed monitoring trends?
  - ❖ What specific steps can we take to expand the use of monitoring data in assessing load reduction and water quality restoration progress, including the use of QA'd voluntary and/or mandatory data?

**12:00 pm**

### **Phase 6 Watershed Model and implications for Pennsylvania**

- Discussion of Pennsylvania's role and involvement in reviewing the Beta versions of the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools
  - Discussion of any modeling gaps or needs in Phase 6
  - Discussion of Pennsylvania's concerns and/or questions on the BMP Expert Panels and role of STAC
- ❖ What further enhancements to/added functionality for the Phase 6 suite of modeling tools would Pennsylvania like to see addressed in the coming months and years?

**12:30 am**      **Working Lunch – Rina’s Café (can buy lunch there or bring lunch)**

**Conowingo and Climate change implications for Pennsylvania**

- Review of the current status – latest findings, schedule, and upcoming policy decisions and briefings
- ❖ What specific concerns – technical, policy, or scientific – do you have on Conowingo and climate change?
- ❖ How would you like to see (or not) climate change expressed in the Phase III WIPs?
- ❖ What (additional) analyses would you like to see in order to make an informed decision on how to address Conowingo Dam and climate change in fall/winter 2016?

**1:00 pm**      **Wrap up**

- Recap of points of agreement, action items, and next steps

**1:15 pm**      **Adjourn**